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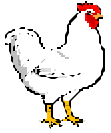
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged; trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate with best interest for features and fast food specials. Supplies were mixed, according to size, but overall at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate, best to cover increased weekend needs. Dark meat was no more than adequate and continued to clear well. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample and at times slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 18-JUL-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)				
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	53.00-77.00	67.63	29
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.75-78.00	64.00-80.00	74.32	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT			
LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM.	WTD. AVG.
972	70.51-77.48		74.64
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:			
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)	
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.00	1,226	
BREASTS - B/S	153.00	5,769	
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,316	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.00	1,057	
LEG QUARTERS	44.50	6,979	
WINGS	81.50	3,009	

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from Monday's majority price. The whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole fryer offerings were adequate for the light interest. Retail and distributive demand continues light to moderate at best with features and fast food sectors providing best draw. Weights were mostly desirable with floor stocks balanced as buyers are being selective and purchasing for immediate needs only. Part supplies were barely adequate to tight on leg items with wings and breast cuts adequate to ample. The market tone on dark meat cuts was fully steady to firm, and steady to barely steady on breast items and wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Some weekend processing was planned to compensate for downtime from Hurricane Dennis earlier this week. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, best where weekend and further processing needs increased. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were mostly sufficient with boneless skinless more available, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Limited early trading reported for next weeks' delivery, and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings of whole body product less than 3.5 pounds in fair balance with heavier weights adequate overall. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes remained fully sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Legs, leg quarters and drums were well cleared while thighs were becoming more available. Wings were at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased as expected to cover additional needs for the weekend. However, overall movement remained fair to moderate at best. Seller offerings continued to vary by size, and remained fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing scheduled were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, legs, leg quarters and drums continued to clear well. Thighs were readily available. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		68-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/11/05-07/15/05	(A)
	07/12/04-07/16/04	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/11/05-07/15/05	(A)
	07/12/04-07/16/04	(A)

JUL 14

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUL 15

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD WEEKLY AVG
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE				
BREAST - B/S	643	137.00-210.00	138-143	144.07	668	137.00-210.00	138-143	143.84	3,220	144.34
TENDERLOINS	193	117.00-185.00	128-131	129.04	199	117.00-185.00	128-131	128.62	1,016	129.41
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	84.00-91.00	85-88	86.06	70	84.00-91.00	85-88	86.06	362	86.20
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				134	64.18
LEGS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				232	57.66
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	524	39.00-45.00	44-45	44.08	541	40.00-45.00	44-45	44.07	2,659	43.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	946	45.00-48.00	45-46	45.64	1,148	45.00-48.00	45-46	45.52	5,232	45.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	277	68.00-85.00	79-82	79.25	277	67.00-85.00	78-81	78.88	1,383	79.54
WINGS (CUT)	323	85.00-93.00	92-94	91.43	330	84.00-92.00	91-93	90.45	1,614	92.29
DRUMSTICKS	69	58.00-68.00	-	59.30	69	58.00-68.00	-	59.30	342	58.88
THIGHS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				142	59.27
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-114.00	-	108.75	80	107.00-114.00	-	108.75	400	108.75

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
TRADING FOR JUL 14, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.										

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

52.00 - 57.50

55.38

RANGE

51.50 - 57.50

TODAY'S AVERAGE

53.70

5-DAY AVERAGE

53.79

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but still was noted as only fair at best. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts ranged adequate to available and slow to clear; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient for current needs. Legs, leg quarters and drums were clearing satisfactorily. Thighs were available. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was barely steady breast items. Most dark meat cuts were at least steady to fully steady with the exception of thighs which were barely steady to weak. Bone-in breasts and wings were steady to about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JUL 14, 2005

JUL 15, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD WEEKLY AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*				TRADING*					
BREAST - B/S	145-150		140.27	578,520	145-150		145.55	863,053	143.72	3,037,518
TENDERLOINS	125		122.31	163,800	125		121.68	157,980	122.64	749,422
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88		94.98	62,000	86-87		90.96	104,160	93.97	392,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	87		85.78	81,000	86		86.00	81,000	87.26	437,440
LEGS	61-62		57.04	217,640	61-62		61.98	105,920	59.45	704,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46		45.05	336,480	45-46		44.52	332,000	45.11	1,938,698
DRUMSTICKS	63-64		62.19	124,920	64-65		59.72	184,840	60.93	683,380
THIGHS	53-54		60.04	56,360	52-53		60.10	62,840	59.55	324,300
B/S THIGHS	104-105		102.65	105,132	104-105		101.97	101,480	100.83	482,492
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81		82.65	147,040	80-81		83.89	158,840	81.26	933,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.05	24,280	10-12		11.95	15,040	11.82	72,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		31.41	13,840	35-40		32.47	13,461	34.36	59,741
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		49.17	15,640	45-50		49.35	13,320	49.73	86,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		RANGE	
Alabama	4,299	4,090	3,935	4,021	5.23	5.25	5,592	5.29			FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,233	5,509	5,353	5,379	5.12	5.21	6,000	5.15			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,222	2,262	2,293	2,275	5.55	5.58	2,775	5.59			HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,139	2,316	2,268	2,300	4.98	5.06	3,038	5.00			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,194	3,069	3,053	3,089	5.48	5.58	3,887	5.56			DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,959	2,517	2,433	2,488	6.35	6.39	3,246	6.37			RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,573	2,540	2,539	2,537	5.22	5.18	3,175	5.19			RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	22,619	22,303	21,874	22,089	5.37	5.42	27,713	5.40				
Mon-Fri	110,865(A)						96,578(A)				SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Jul-05 and 16-Jul-05 is estimated to be 34,791,000 head down 18.63 percent from a week ago and up 2.23 percent from a year ago. (Last week 42,754,000, last year 34,032,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 16-Jul-05 is estimated to be 169,029,000 head up 14.05 percent from a week ago, and up 4.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 148,211,000, last year 161,060,000)

		RANGE	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107	
	DRY PACK	108	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111	
	DRY PACK	111	
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93	
	DRY PACK	95	
DUCKS		180-192	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 02-Jul-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	26,158	21,889	45,786
Avg Weight	3.77	4.75	6.79
% of total /1	28%	23%	49%

Comparisons

Last week	30,112	25,652	54,561
Avg Weight	3.78	4.83	6.34
% of total /1	27%	23%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	29,306	21,281	41,199
Avg Weight	3.63	4.81	6.27
% of total /1	32%	23%	45%

To date/2005	717,829	572,382	1,276,716
To date/2004	692,811	562,868	1,172,593

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 09-Jul-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	148,211	1,268	1,196	2,464	445
Avg Wt	5.17	3.31	7.97	5.57	6.69
Last week	174,829	1,574	1,452	3,026	482
Same wk yr ago	145,999	1,361	1,229	2,590	439
Avg Wt	5.15	3.27	8.10	5.56	6.65
To-date/2005	4,303,159	41,706	37,169	78,875	13,403
To-date/2004	4,178,324	36,058	34,995	71,053	12,513

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 150.0 million head, or 16.8 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June	4	149.9	165.9	90%
	11	169.2	167.1	101%
	18	171.9	168.3	102%
	25	173.2	167.6	103%
July	2	177.0	167.2	106%
	9	150.0	166.8	90%
Year to date	4355.4	4437.2	98%	
July	16	166.6		
	23	166.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	07/16/05	07/09/05	% CHG	07/17/05	% CHG
Broilers	169,029	148,211 *	+14.05	161,060*	+4.95
Cattle	652	555	+17	637*	+2
Hogs	1,872	1,629	+15	1,913*	-2

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-JUL-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62.00-75.50	67.00-74.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	72.00-76.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules full time for next week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 11-JUL-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED **AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 12, 2005

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.30
Pekin Ducks	5.50 - 6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .90
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.40
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 3.75 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.00 - 1.10 ea.
Silkie	2.50 - 2.75 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.50 - .55
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 - .90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.50 - .70
Bunnies	.25 - 1.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.01 - .03 ea.
Goats	27.00 -31.00 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 -55.00 ea.
Doves	5.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 480

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged for light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair to moderate with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged about adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-33 MAJORITY 27.5-28.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonally normal. Trade sentiment was about steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were irregular when compared to last week's reported prices. Offerings of spent fowl continued to decrease especially into operations other than traditional slaughter. Demand was fair. Trade sentiment remains unsettled.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Demand fair. Offerings generally adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-JULY-05

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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